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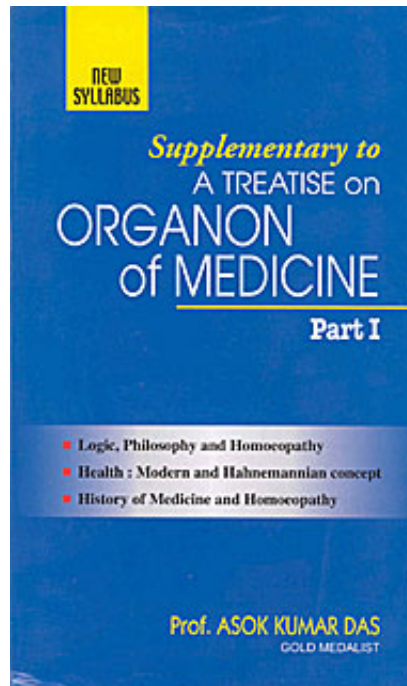
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PRE FACE

Organon of Medicine is the deep watermark of medical philosophy, which guides the physician to a new world of therapeutics—Homoeopathy. A clear-cut understanding of this subject is essentially a primary need in practising this art of healing successfully. Recently Central Council of Homoeopathy had changed the syllabus of this subject by including certain new topics to update the knowledge of the students. The present book is the outcome of such changes. The significant inclusion of topics in the syllabus of First BHMS examination basically relates to Logic and Philosophy, Modern concept of Health, History of Medicine including Homoeopathy, and basic human Psychology. All these important changes except Psychology have been included in this book to supplement my previously published book "A Treatise on Organon of Medicine—Part I".

Psychology, being a completely separate subject needs special consideration. Hence, a separate book exclusively on basic human Psychology is going to be published shortly to cater the need of the homoeopathic students and profession keeping in view the newly included topics of this subject as recommended by Central Council of Homoeopathy.

Like other branches of science, Homoeopathy is also based upon logical principles. A basic understanding of the subject 'Logic' is essential in considering the logical basis of the establishment of Homoeopathy through inductive logic and its therapeutic application through deductive logic. Thus a chapter on Logic and Homoeopathy is included in this book to understand this aspect clearly.

Philosophy pursues questions in every dimension of human life, and its techniques are applicable to problems in any field of study or endeavour. The field of Medicine in general and Homoeopathy in particular are not an exception. Moreover, in the present day of science, one should know the interrelation between Science and Philosophy. There is a separate chapter in this book to discuss all these aspects in relation to Homoeopathy.

An understanding of 'Health' is the basis of all health care system. But 'Health' is not perceived in the same way as in modern medicine and Homoeopathy. There are some similarities and also certain dissimilarities between these two different systems of medicine. Thus a critical analysis

of both these concepts is very much important. A chapter is thus completely devoted to deal with all these things.

History is a record of events and/or of personalities of respective periods usually in a chronological order. Looking at the history of medicine shows how ideas have developed over the centuries. In fact, Medicine began as an art and gradually evolved into science over the centuries. Students of Homoeopathy should know such past events of development of medicine in general and homoeopathy in particular. Moreover, they should also be aware about the present national and international scenario of homoeopathy to get encouragement of studying this subject. All these topics are now included in the newly amended BHMS syllabus and a chapter is thus being included in this supplementary book. This chapter presents a brief historical perspective of the evolution of medicine, and its progress in ancient times including Homoeopathy and its present status in different countries. The individual contributions of different personalities are also included in this chapter.

In the preparation of the text, I have havilly relied on the experience, suggestion, and assistance of my colleagues at National Institute of Homoeopathy and also friends from all over India and abroad. I wish to put on record my grateful thanks to them all without mentioning individual name due to lack of space.

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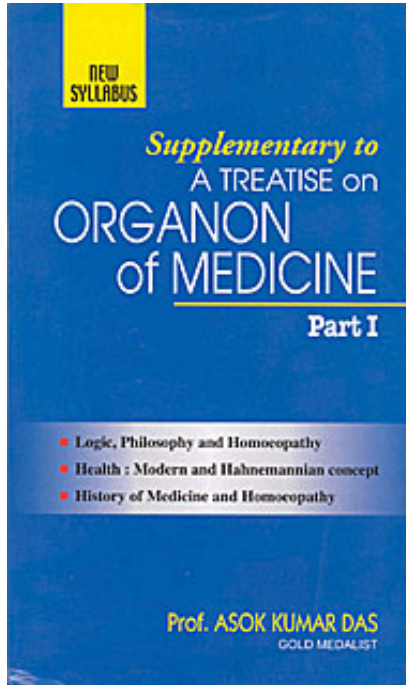
Despite my sincere effort there may be some typological mistake. I shall be grateful if such is pointed out for consideration in the next edition.

Finally, thanks to my wife "Archana" and my son "Souvik" and "Aveek" for being deprived of my personal attention while preparing this book.

Suggestions and healthy criticism are cordially invited.

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